

COMMUNITY NEWS



Notice to Elba Elementary School Students beginning school

• All students attending Elba Elementary School should have a book bag. It is recommended but not required that students in grades four through six have a mesh book bag.

• Jump Start for kindergarten students will be held August 3 through August 5. Jump Start will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. each day. Students will receive a snack during this time, however, breakfast and lunch will not be served. Students are asked to bring supplies from the included supply list.

• School will begin for all students on August 10 at 7:50 a.m. August 10th will be a half day. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.



2ND PLACE TEAM AT DISTRICT! The Coffee County 4-H Junior and Senior Meats Judging Teams placed 2nd at the District contest held in Auburn. Team members are Michelle Jones, Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, Julie Boyd, Lara Lea Beasley, Katy Roberts, Heather Carroll, Cassie Lamb, Shawn Howell, Sarah Maddox, Josh Morley, Weston Odum and Stephen Hines. Back right corner are County Agent, Stan Windham and sponsors Glenn and Nancy Jones. Glenn is a farmer in the Goodman Community, and Nancy is a loan officer at an Enterprise Bank.



Disaster Training Classes offered by Red Cross

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering Disaster Training for the citizens of Coffee County and surrounding area. The classes will be conducted at the Coffee County Chapter offices in the Civic Center at 711 Crawford St., Enterprise.

The classes to be offered are:

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES - Aug. 3 from 6-9 p.m.

This video-based course will introduce you to disasters, the community response, and the role of Red Cross Disaster Services. We will give you a behind-the-scenes look at the impact of disasters on people and their communities. You will meet the people who serve in time of disaster, including Red Cross paid and volunteer staff, and see how they work together to meet the needs of people affected by disasters.

MASS CARE - AN OVERVIEW - Aug. 10 from 6-9 p.m.

This course focuses on the activities of the Mass Care function in the disaster. You will learn about Sheltering, Preparing Food, Mobile feeding and Bulk Distribution, and how you can help with Mass Care in your local Red Cross Chapter.

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES is a prerequisite for MASS CARE.

Please call your Coffee County Red Cross Chapter at 347-2461 to register. All Disaster classes are free.

CPSC. Shopko Stores Inc. announce recall of infant garments

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shopko Stores Inc. of Green Bay, Wis., is recalling approximately 68,000 girls' creepers were made in various pastel shades of pointelle knit fabric, with a satin bow attached to the neck and an embroidered figure, such as a butterfly or heart, below the bow.



Writing on the collar labels includes "MADE IN HONG KONG."

Shopko Stores nationwide sold these garments from December 1998 to January 1999 for \$4 to \$6.

Consumers should immediately stop using these garments, and return them to Shopko for a refund. For more information, call Shopko at (800) 791-7333 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday CDT, or visit the Shopko website at www.shopko.com.

FROM THE NATION'S NEWSPAPERS Oregon citizens now must use the bathroom

Attention summer travelers headed for Oregon: Don't substitute that nagging need for a pit stop with an empty Coke bottle instead. Truckers and travelers trying to avoid pit stops by urinating in bottles face fines if convicted of tossing those bottles out the window, reports Steve Mayes of The Oregonian. House Bill 3530, signed by Gov. John Kitzhaber, makes improper nuckle-tossing a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$250.

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A San Diego Union-Tribune article said that better-paying jobs, year-round competition swimming and water polo programs have siphoned away many of the best candidates for lifeguard jobs across Southern California.

"In about mid-August, we could be in a major crisis here," said Mike Broussard, a state lifeguard trainer in south Orange County. Lifeguard shortages have also been reported on the East Coast.

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 installed new officers in activities Saturday evening. The installation was followed by a hamburger supper for family and friends. This has been an annual, very solemn ritual in Elba, AL, since 1853. The list of former Lodge officers reads like a Who's Who throughout the history of the community. Wayne Bryan was named Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He takes over from Tommy Morrow, who has served for the past year. The impressive ceremony was conducted by Jamie Smith, of Ozark who conducts about 40 installations per year and conducts the entire 20-30 minute ritual entirely from memory and exactly according to the Masonic order of business. He was assisted by Buford Flowers of New Brockton.

Pictured above are from front, left to right, Bo Capps, Marshall, Meulloye W. Johnston, Junior Warden, Bryan, Vernon Junior Carpenter, Senior Steward, and Smith. Back row left to right are Herbert G. Winters, Senior Warden; David Macon, Tyler; Eric Cox, Senior Deacon; Tommy Morrow, Junior Deacon; Harry Young, Secretary; Flowers and Joel L. Koon, Chaplain.

Not pictured are Mike Thomas, Historian; Thomas Michael Young, Junior Steward and Clifford Farmer, Treasurer.

First Korean Church to hold "English Speaking Revival"

First Korean Baptist Church of Enterprise will hold its "English Speaking Revival" on Aug. 6 and 7. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 and 7 and at 11 a.m. on Aug. 8. Dr. J. Michael Bates, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in

Newington, Ct. will be preaching. "The Bradys" will be performing Saturday night only. Childcare will be provided for ages five and under. The church is located on Rucker Blvd. at the Ft. Rucker-Enterprise Gate. Everyone is invited.

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LBW students, front row, left to right: Suzanne Rhoads, Kinston; Shea Free, Elba; Keri Gwaltney, Opp; back row, Jamie Hall, Zion Chapel; and Lance Jackson, Opp.

PUBLIC NOTICE

37 Unclaimed Manufactured Homes Must Be Sold Or Auctioned At Emergency Sale Prices

The Wiregrass area has never saved like this before. Thirty seven unclaimed manufactured homes acquired during the closing of a local mobile home store have been ordered liquidated at all costs regardless of profit or loss. This ordered liquidation sale starts Fri., August 13th and ends on Sat., August 14th.

AAA Mobile Homes Supercenter, located at 4218 South Oates St. in Dothan, Alabama, (231 South on right just before Cowboys), will be hosting this great event, offering the public an opportunity they can't afford to pass up.

There will be Fleetwells, Palm Harbors, Grand Manors, Buccaneers, Cavaliers, Plantation, Spiral, Plant, Homestead, Guy backs, repos, single wides, double wides and trade-ins at this event," said Andy Harris, sales manager. AAA Mobile Homes welcomes the public into the dealership at 8:30 a.m. where they will find the reduced price clearly marked on each home. There will be in excess of \$1,500,000.00 worth of inventory.

This event is for the public only. No dealers allowed. Finance specialists will be on hand to get the "best special low financing, which will allow low monthly payments." AAA Mobile Homes will have additional personnel on duty for the spectacular event.

Yes, folks, this is the sale you cannot afford to miss. "Why?" you ask. These homes would normally be marked up thousands of dollars. "Best special low finance rates which allow, low, low monthly payments." AAA Mobile Homes Supercenter.

Our finance specialists will be able to assist you with any credit problems you may have. If you have a bankruptcy or repossession, we still may be able to assist you if you have a good job history, and a telephone. Exceptions will be made during this two day sale to ensure final liquidation.

If you have any questions about this emergency sale liquidation, please call (334) 792-9404 or call toll free 1-888-861-0644.

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COUNTY COMPUTER SYSTEM READY FOR Y2K

Commission's meeting routine

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's bi-monthly meeting Monday morning was brief and precise dealing with bid openings and general business.

Commissioners resolved old business by opening two packets of bids, one on the repair of a bulldozer undercarriage and the other on a new bulldozer.

Thompson Tractor of Dothan was the low bidder on the undercarriage repair at \$13,995.00. In their bid, they specified five working days were needed for the work to be completed.

The awarding of the bid for the new dozer took a little longer to resolve. After the only two bids received were reviewed by the county engineer, Randy Trindle, commissioners awarded the bid to Flint Equipment of Troy. Their bid of \$97,800.00 was not low; however, it was the only bid meeting the specifications of the bid.

Tindell told commissioners that the specifications not met had nothing to do with the equipment but with the warranty. He explained that the county's bid specifications called for a one-year full warranty to include the cost of service calls and travel time on all warranty work.

Thompson's (the low bidder at \$94,211.00) warranty was for only six months with a charge for service calls and travel time within that same time period.

Both bids contained a sixty-month lease/purchase plan with Thompson's monthly payment being \$1,822.83 and Flint's \$1,902.21.

A brief discussion by commissioners finally resulted in the awarding of the bid but there was a long pause before a motion was made by Commissioner Linda Westbrook and seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimsley to make the award. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple abstained while the

remaining six commissioners approved Tindell's recommendation.

In other business from the county engineer, Tindell told commissioners that the time was drawing near for the renewal of annual bids on items such as rock, rip-wrap, asphalt, seed, fertilizer, insecticides, etc. He requested, and received, permission to send out requests for these type items for the fiscal year 2000.

Tindell also requested that he be allowed to send out bids for the paving of County Roads 159, 542 and 543. Grant funds were received more than a year ago from the state to pave these roads, and Tindell explained that the projects have finally made it through the state's review process and are ready to bid. The engineer requested that the bids' opening date be set for September 1 in a special called meeting and be awarded in the September 13th commission meeting. After the commission makes the bid award, it will then have to be submitted to the State Department of Transportation for approval. Commissioners granted Tindell's request.

Commissioners rescinded a motion made in a previous meeting to award the bid for relocating the home of Jewel Turner to Duck Johnson House Movers after receiving notification that he had "underbid" on the project.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that upon notifying him (Johnson) to proceed, Johnson responded that he was going to have to withdraw his bid because he had underbid it and could not move it for \$17,000.00.

After citing their previous action on the matter, commissioners awarded the bid to Hussey House Movers for \$8,000.00.

John Brim, who represents Gemini Consultants, the provider of technical support for the county's computers, reported to commissioners that Coffee County's computer system is ready for Y2K. He told commissioners that the system was tested last weekend and passed with flying colors.

"We had a very good test," said Brim. "We had one error in the bid renewals [Probate Office] and we had that corrected within thirty minutes. That was the only software error we found."

He added that he had six PCs to fail, however, that was not surprising since they were all old - some purchased as far back as the 1990 flood.

Brim recommended that the commission consider making provisions in the upcoming budget hearings to replace these computers.

Mobley added that all of the jail's computerized equipment had been tested and it too is ready for Y2K.

Members of the commission remembered former Commissioner Damascus Crittenden who passed away on Sunday. It was noted that he served Coffee County well during his tenure on the county commission.

During the general business session, the following actions were taken or matters discussed by the commissioners:

They were:

• Commissioner Tom Grimsley reported that the two animal cages - one large and one small - had been received and are ready for use. He noted that county residents can call the commission office for information concerning the use of these cages. "It is a start in trying to eliminate some of the problems [stray animals] that are out in the county," he said.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple told members of the commission that Alabama Power Company had donated \$500 to be used toward paying for the plaque that was

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Coffee County BOE signs consent decree to achieve unitary status

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The members of the Coffee County Board of Education, during a noon meeting last Thursday, agreed to sign a consent decree which hopefully will settle a lawsuit filed in 1967 to end racial segregation in Alabama's public schools.

"Although we have not been accused of anything," explained Superintendent Rodger Bowden, "A federal court order entered as a result of the Lee vs. Macon lawsuit requires all school systems to prove they have achieved 'unitary status' by eliminating all vestiges of racial discrimination."

Now that the decree has been signed by the local board, it will be sent on to the State Board of Education for their approval or disapproval, and then forwarded to U.S. District Judge Harold Albright for action in the courts. This same procedure is being followed by school systems all over the state.

The document contains procedures and policies that will be adhered to by the school system which "improve recruiting efforts and increase extra curricular activity participation by our black students."

The superintendent noted that the decree has been studied by himself, members of his staff and the board's attorney, Jim Weatherford, and he asked the board to approve the document which they did unanimously.

Bowden presented each member of the board with a copy of the Parent/Student Information Guide for their review and approval. He told them only a few minor changes and additions had been made to the guide from last year's.

Provisions of the recently legislated Family Rights and Privacy Acts have been included, clarifications to the dress code have been made, and the recently approved Promotion/Retention Policy for grades K-6 approved by the board has been included in the revised guide. Each student will be given a copy of the guide to take home for review by them and their parents.

An acknowledgement will be signed by both indicating they have read the guide, and it will be returned and placed on file.

On the beginning of the new school year, Supt. Bowden reported, "We had a great opening so far. We had a good in-service on Monday with John Osborn addressing the teachers."

"It's the first time I've been to an in-service that I didn't hear a single negative comment. It was just a great day. The teachers seem to be ready to come back to work, and it was just a very positive day."

He told board members that all principals - Zion Chapel, Kingston and New Brockton - reported they all had very smooth openings on Wednesday (August 4).

Bowden, as yet, did not have an accurate enrollment count; however, he estimated that the number of students attending county schools will be between 2,000 and 2,100.

Finally, the board approved Bowden's recommendation to employ Amy Workman as a Spanish teacher at Zion Chapel High School.



SZC EXPRESS OPENS...The Zion Chapel/Jack Community has a new business - the SZC Express. The convenience store is located on the old site of Smart's Grocery across from Zion Chapel High School. A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 4, to officially open the doors of the new establishment - just in time for the beginning of school. Those participating in the ceremony are pictured above. They are (l-r): Viola Flowers, Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Junior Miss Zion Chapel Kay Clark, Post Mistress Roxie Smart, Rev. Jimmy Maddox, Store Owner Mrs. Wayne Swank (seated), Deli Manager Angie Galtin, Store Operator Scott Brown, Little Miss Zion Chapel Elba Mount, Cashier Donnie Marler, Miss Zion Chapel Tara Grant, and Zion Chapel High School Principal Richard Littleton.



SCHOOL DAYS...It was back to the books Tuesday morning for students of the Elba City Schools when the 1999-2000 school year began. However, the students were spared from getting "too much of a good thing" as school was dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. In the picture above, Mavis Burch, a bus driver, and Allona Vaughan, an elementary teacher, help students become acquainted with which bus they will be riding throughout the school year. Despite a few jitters from the youngsters trying to make sure they got it right, they all seemed excited about the early dismissal and one more chance for an afternoon of playtime. After all, it would be back to full day status for all Elba students on Wednesday morning!

ELBA CITY COUNCIL HONORS MURRAY HARDWICK

City sharing cost in industrial

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to share the cost of an additional 125 acres of land for the Elba Industrial Park. One half of the \$86,500 will come from the city coffers and the other half will be paid by the Elba Industrial Board. The property joins the back corner existing industrial park, off Larkin Road. The property is being purchased from Posey Kileresae Timber Co., which bought the land from the Teresa Brinson estate, cut the marketable timber and agreed to sell the property to the city.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, who put the package together with the blessings of the city council and Industrial Board, explained to council members that most of the property is usable and the balance, which is in the flood plain, could be used to accent the developed parcels by preserving and/or restoring the original wetlands and agriculture. The mayor also noted that engineers have already drawn off 13 five acre lots, with paved roads and other improvements. If necessary, industries will be able to combine two or more of the lots and maybe use some of the lower elevations for parking and/or truck turn arounds.

The council also rescinded the acceptance of a high bid on sale of timber at the ball park. The bid had been opened and accepted before the advertised closing day for bidding.

No bids were received on a FEMA buy-out house at 852 Washington Avenue. The city will therefore leave the house in accordance with FEMA regulations.

At the request of Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, the council voted to advertise for new pistols for the police department. All officers will then be training with and using the same weapons. Whitworth estimated that 20 new pistols will cost about \$10,000.

Wintworth also reported that D.A.R.E. officer Dean Blair has been elected by the Alabama D.A.R.E. Officers' Association to serve as the Alabama Southeast Region Area Representative. The election was held at the D.A.R.E. Conference in Sheffield, AL on August 5th.

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The first crew is finally off of Oak Street and the accompanying sand. They are now digging in hard clay. A second crew is at work on 189 North.

Grimes reported that the June sales tax check has been received and it amounted to \$102,293.17. The mayor expressed a wish for local sales to remain high and help the city relieve the financial strain of day-to-day operations.

Mayor Grimes presented a proclamation to Sandra Hardwick, widow of the late Murray Hardwick who served for many years as bookkeeper for the City of Elba. The proclamation commended Mr. Hardwick for his years of service to Elba. Mrs. Hardwick said, "Murray loved the City of Elba and all the people. He talked about the people of Elba constantly. We thank you for all the years of friendship you gave him."

News Brief

An Opp man was killed early Saturday morning in a one-vehicle crash. Law enforcement was notified of the accident on Coffee County Road 415 near the Covington County line shortly before 5:00 a.m.

Coffee County EMS was dispatched to the scene at 5:04 a.m. Upon the arrival of law enforcement and emergency medical personnel, a Ford Bronco was found overturned with one individual thrown clear and another partially out of the vehicle. The vehicle had left the roadway overturning after colliding with a mail box mounted in brick.

Dud Mack McArt, 20, of Rural Route 3, Opp was taken by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital where he died of his injuries shortly after his arrival. The other victim, a man whose identity was not known, was taken to Opp Mizell Memorial Hospital by a unit of the Opp Rescue Squad.

According to reports his injuries were not thought to be life threatening. McArt's body was taken by the Alabama Department of Forensic Science to Montgomery where an autopsy was to be performed to determine cause of death. The crash is being investigated by Alabama State Troopers Dale Cobb and David McGowan, the Coffee County Coroner's Office, and the 12 Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. Troopers were assisted at the scene by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies.

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WHILE CLEANING THE TRELLIS of his garden a few days back, Lloyd Crook of Elba discovered something of extraordinary size. There amongst the vines he found a cucumber which had been overlooked. This "giant" cucumber measured out at 15 1/2 inches long and weighed between 2 and 3 pounds. Since the cucumber is too old to eat, Mr. Crook said he hopes to use it seed to plant his cucumber crop next year.

Elba Elementary School Menu August 16 - 20, 1999	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich or Cereal, Half Orange, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Syrup, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato/Dill, Half Banana, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Fried Beef Patty, Field Peas, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Roll, Peach Half, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Taco Chicken, Corn on Cob, Half Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, Half Orange, Milk

Computers For Seniors Class being offered at ESJC

Computers for Seniors is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate. Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a

data base, and how to understand the use of spreadsheets. They should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Aug. 16. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, October 4-13, 2-4 p.m.

Gospel concert to be held in Andalusia

A gospel concert featuring the Dixie Echoes will be held at the Kiwanis Community Building in Andalusia on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. Also appearing will be Crispy Arnette, Carl Tillery and The Faith Singers. Admission to the concert is free, a love offering will be received. In conjunction with the concert, The Women's Ministry of West Highland Assembly of God in Andalusia will be selling BBQ plates. Dine in or take out and serving begins at 5 p.m. with a cost of \$5 per plate.

Elba Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers

The 12th Annual Christmas Festival, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is set for November 27, 1999. This event will once again be held on the historic courthouse square in downtown Elba. A lot of planning and hard work has to be done to make this event a continued success. This year, the chamber of commerce would like to invite any who would be interested in helping to please contact the chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Luke 7:18-28

Thinking of you praying for you: The Crittenden, Martin, Rogers and Brown families; Hannah Coleman, Lillie Bell Holley, Ethel Parmer, Harvey Lee Peacock Sr., Laymon Gamble, James Wright, Aubrey Crittenden, Rutha Mae Moses, Alice Blue, Ella M. Brooks, J.D. Carpenter, J.W. Lindsey.

Birthdays (August): Sherika Daniels, Aug. 8; Bria Culver, Aug. 9; Cathryn Carpenter, Aug. 15; Isaac Nelson, Aug. 18; Ree'Nita Brooks, Aug. 17; J.L. Williams, Aug. 20; Chastity Williams, Aug. 21; Lance Cross, Aug. 30; Mozelle McCormick, Aug. 30; Alan Belcher, Aug. 28.

Annual Choir Day of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church in River Falls, Ala. will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 and Sunday, Aug. 22. The service begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday night and each choir is asked to render A and B selection. (Note: All choirs, groups, and soloists please register at the door.) Sundays services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Morning Worship at 11 a.m.; and Evening Worship at 7:30 p.m.

On Aug. 5, 1875, the Convention of Colored Newspapersmen is held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On Aug. 6, 1892, Harriet Tubman receives a pension from Congress for her work as a nurse, spy and scout during the Civil War.

On Aug. 7, 1904, Ralph J. Bunche, who will become the first African American Nobel Prize Winner, is born in Detroit, Mich.

Timeline 1887: Isaiah Montgomery founds Mound Bayou, an African American town in Mississippi.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

New Hope Baptist Church to hold gospel singing August 14th

New Hope Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. featuring the "Ainsworth Family" from Dozier, Ala. The church is located at the corner of Coffee County Roads 105 and 114. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel singing to be held at Calvary Baptist Church

A gospel singing is planned at Calvary Baptist Church in Brantley for Saturday night, August 14, at 7:30.

The featured singing group will be "The Waymakers" from Brantley.

Proclaim Ministries to be at Holloway Tabernacle August 15

Proclaim Ministries with evangelist Steve Pettit will be at Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.



HIGHER REACH



THE RHYTHM MASTERS

THERE WILL BE A CONCERT AT COUNTRY CATHEDRAL, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East of Opp, on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Featured groups will be The Rhythm Masters, Higher Reach and The Dye's Family. No admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

Family Life Revival to be held at Damascus Baptist

How do you make a good family better? Where do you find help for hurting families? The answer to these and other questions concerning families can be found at The Family Life Revival being held at Damascus Baptist Church on Coffee County Road 547. Rev. Terry Clift from Georgia will be the guest speaker and Terry Carley from Ino Baptist Church will lead the praise and worship. Dates for the revival are Aug. 22-27. Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Aug. 22 and at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23-27. For more information, call (334) 894-6382.

Haw Hill Assembly of God to hold revival services

Haw Hill Assembly of God will hold revival services Wednesday, Aug. 11, through Sunday, Aug. 15 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Bro. Mann Kirkland. The church is located on Hwy. 125 - 12 miles South of Brundidge.

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For a sailor, S.O.S. stands for "Save Our Ship." You know, Christians can have a whole fleet of "ships." Our ships may sail on stormy seas at times, but each of our ships must be saved from danger to keep the fleet strong. Let's see what ships we can have in our fleet.

At the head of our fleet we have LORDSHIP. As our leader, Jesus is first in our lives. We can say, even as Thomas said, Jesus is "my Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

Another ship in our fleet is FELLOWSHIP. We have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. (1 John 1:7)

Our next ship is DISCIPLESHIP. We will want to be disciples of Jesus - to follow Him and learn more about Him (John 8:31).

Another important ship is WORSHIP. We worship our Lord each day with praise and reverence for His Word and His Name. (Psalm 29:2)

Our STEWARDSHIP is an important ship also. We enjoy giving to the Lord and to others of all the Lord has given us. The Lord gives to us to meet our own needs, and to give us the privilege of giving toward the needs of others. (Malachi 3:10)

Our Apprenticeship has a long name. The name means we are learning how to help others by helping Jesus. We are learning from Him. (Luke 10:36-37)

Every Christian needs a BATTLESHIP too. We must fight against sin and Satan for our Lord. (Psalm 18:39)

God says that Christians also have KINSHIP. That means that Christians (those who accept Jesus as Savior) are part of the family of God. (1 John 1:12)

I challenge you to take care of the "ships" that the Lord has given you. If they are sailing in good order, joy will be overflowing, purpose will be fulfilling and peace will be everpresent!

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Kindercollege provides day care for students at ESJC

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Kindercollege is in session on those days the college students have classes or exams. The hours of operation for Kindercollege are from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is a \$300 per semester fee (arrangements to pay in installments may be made through the Business Office).

Applications for Kindercollege are available in the Admissions Office or from the Kindercollege Director in Room SN102 or ESJC's Learning Resource Center. The program is limited to 20 children, and it fills up fast.

Classes for the 1999 Fall Semester begin on Aug. 19. Registration is now in progress. For more information about admission to the College or how to register, call (334) 393-ESJC, ext. 234. For more information about Kindercollege, call Mrs. Rebecca Richter at ext. 219.



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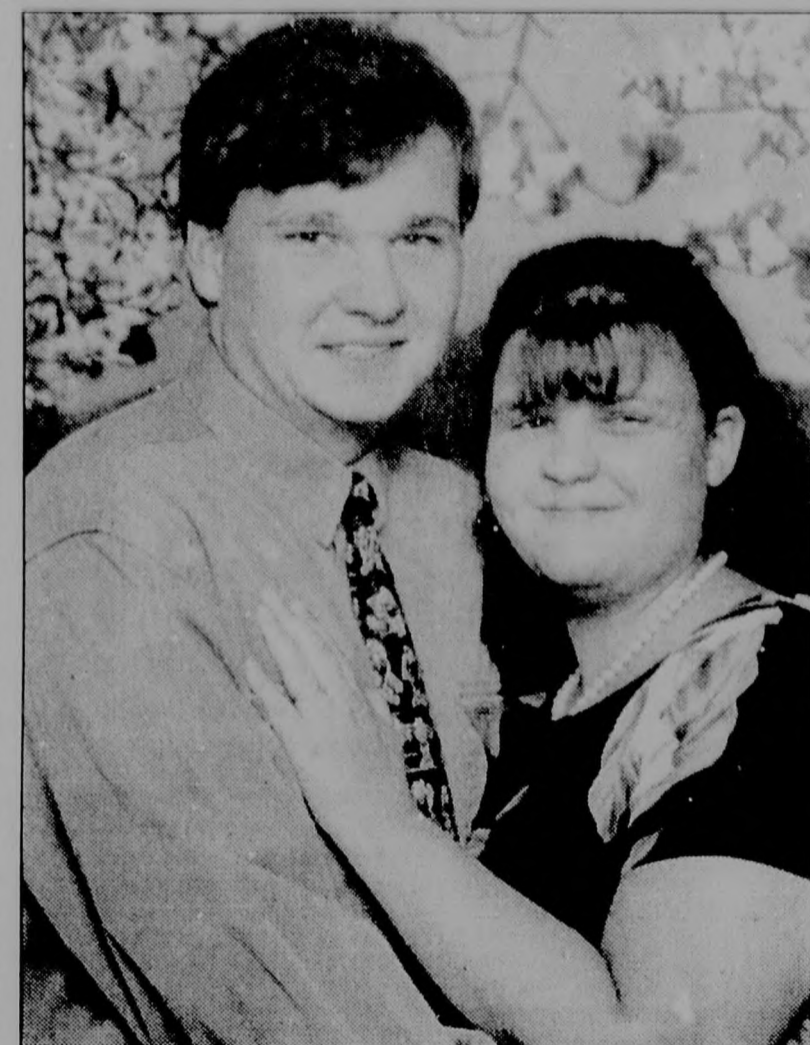
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Register now for fall semester! Classes begin August 19. For more information call the main campus at 334-393-ESJC or the Ft. Rucker campus at 334-598-3438, or visit our web site at www.esjc.ce.al.us.

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Mr. Morrow & Miss Hughes

Hughes-Morrow wedding planned for Saturday, September 3rd

Mrs. Janet Hughes and Mr. Edward Hughes announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Janna J. Hughes, to William G. Morrow, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morrow.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Harlan and Mary Jane Park of Sun City, Calif., and the late Spence and Pat James of Portland, Ore. She is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and currently works as a dispatcher for

the Elba Police Department.

The future groom is the grandson of Joe Bill and Idell Smith of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow. He is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and currently is employed as a mechanic in Elba.

The wedding will be an event of September 3, 1999 at 6:30 in the evening at Elba Church of God. A reception will follow at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast. All friends and family are invited.

Miss Crittenden - Mr. Wilson to be united in holy matrimony October 9th

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crittenden of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie, to Mark Anthony Wilson, son of Mrs. Tina Brooks, also of Elba.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and currently attends Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College.

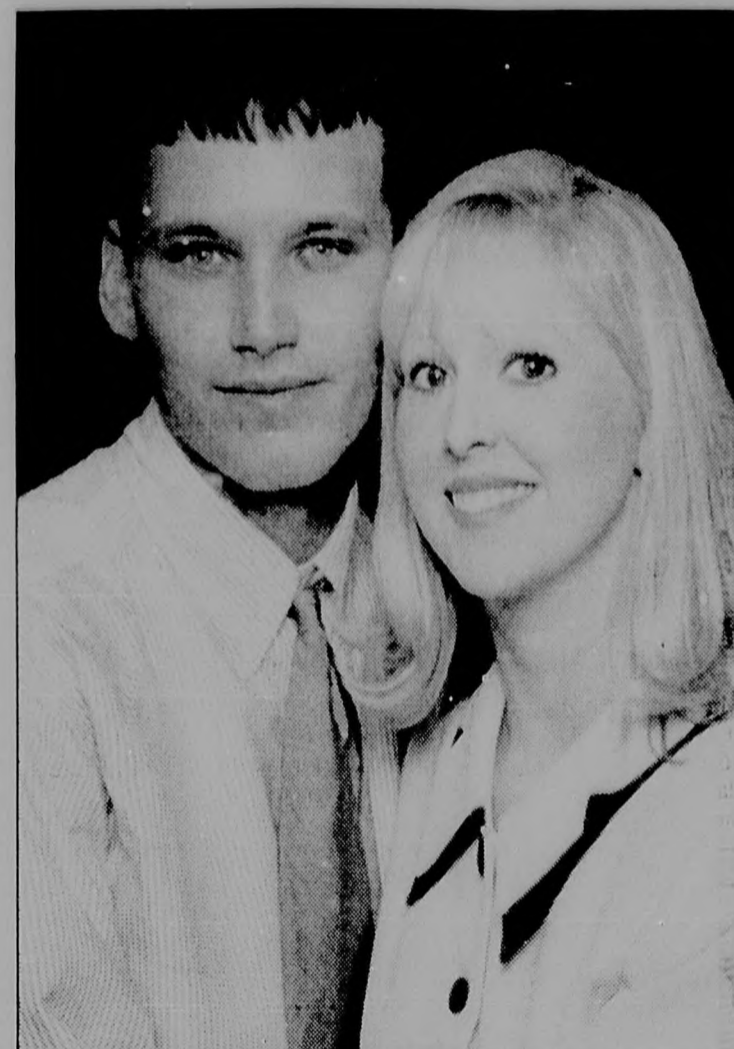
The groom is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and currently is employed in Elba.

The wedding will be held October 9, 1999 at 4 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ.

No formal invitations are being sent. All family and friends are cordially invited.

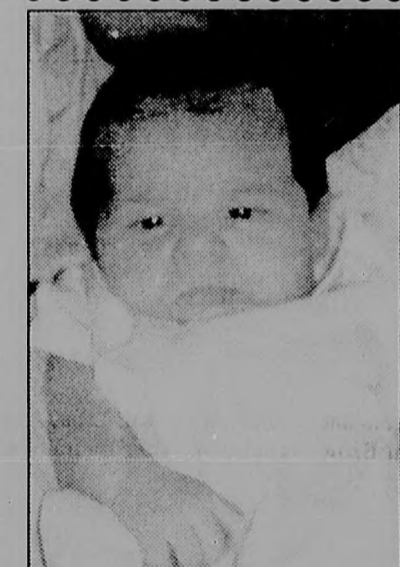
Damascus School Reunion to be held August 14th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday, August 14, at the Coffee County Farm Complex in New Brockton from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a beverage. Those who wish to bring an item for a door prize or for auction, please do so.



Mr. Wilson and Miss Crittenden

New Arrival



New Arrival

MILICENT CLAIRE NOLIN

Kenneth and Tracie Nolin announce the birth of their daughter, Millicent Claire. Born on June 9, 1999, she weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Aaron and Kathy Tidwell of Elba and Dwain and Willene Nolin of New Brockton. Great grandmother is Maurine Marler of Elba.



Millicent Claire Nolin

AIDEN MICHAEL POWELL

Joey and Christy Powell announce the birth of their son, Aiden Michael Powell, born June 20, 1999 at Andalusia Regional Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 22 inches long. His grandparents are Kenneth and Janice Sutley, Jerry and Charlotte Register and Bobby Knighten, all of Elba, and Thomas and Linda Powell of Palmetto, Ga.

Aiden was welcomed home by his 2 1/2-year-old sister, Tristen Hope.

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LIFESTYLES



Pictured left to right are: Maureen Morgan, Hostess; Janet Hughes, Mother of the Bride; Janna Hughes, Honoree; Janice Morrow, Aunt of the Groom; Jena Hughes, Honoree's sister-in-law and Maid of Honor; and Idell Smith, Grandmother of the future groom.

Miss Hughes honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

Miss Janna "JJ" Hughes, bride-elect of Mr. William Morrow, was honored with a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower on Aug. 7, 1999 at the home of Mrs. Maureen Morgan.

Guests enjoyed appetizers and punch served from a beautifully decorated table of white wedding bows and bells.

Hostesses for the occasion were:

Maureen Morgan, Joyce Skinner, Fran Edens, Jeanette Martin, Janice Daugherty and Patricia Daugherty.



Mrs. Grace Stevens celebrates 80th birthday

On Sunday, July 11, Mrs. Grace Stevens was honored with a surprise birthday luncheon held in the fellowship hall of Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Approximately 100 relatives and friends attended the luncheon to help Mrs. Stevens cele-

brate her 80th birthday. All of her family members were present. Pictured with Mrs. Stevens is her family: (L to R) Cheryl, Ken and Joshua Hovanes; Jimmy D., Evelyn, John, and Jimmy Stevens, Huntsville, Ala.; June, Tom, Tony, Kathy,

Nicole and Samantha Brown, Elba; Tim Brown, Gadsden, Ala.; Laura Brown, Troy; Anne and Alan Boothe, Troy; Missy and Trey Richardson, Birmingham, Ala.; and Jason Boothe, Auburn.

Birth



MADISON BROOKE ELLIS

Bobby and Amanda Ellis are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Madison Brooke, on July 22, 1999 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 1/2" long.

Proud grandparents are Jerry and Lela Parker of Elba and Robert and Bertha Ellis of the Damascus Community. Madison was welcomed home by her older sister, Savannah.

Chamber of Commerce sponsoring P.A. "Catchit"

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a P.A. "Catchit" campaign beginning Aug. 16. Chamber members will be wearing pins, displaying posters in their store windows and billboards will advertise this event. If you do not know what this means, ask a chamber member. They will be glad to tell you about it!

Saturday, Sept. 18, will cap off this campaign with a "Community Spirit Day" to be held downtown around the square. Merchants will be asked to set up displays to showcase their merchandise or just to hand out information about their business. There will also be emergency vehicles on display, Lion's Club Health Van will be on hand for Blood Pressure, eyes, and other medical checks. There will be children's activities, local bands, and other entertainers will be performing during the day. Grilled burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be available through out the day.

The newly formed downtown merchants committee will be sponsoring a scavenger hunt. To participate you will be given a clue and you must go into the downtown stores to find other clues. A prize, donated by the downtown merchants, will be given to the lucky winner.

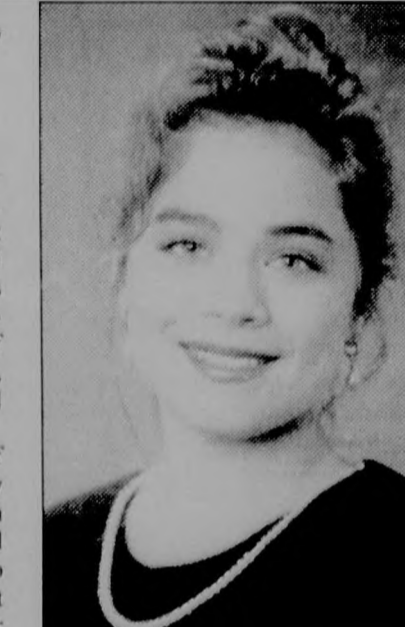
If you or your group would like to participate by setting up a display or if you have any questions, please call the chamber office at 897-3125.

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NOTICE

The Coffee County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has a few details to work out in order to officially complete our Affiliate Status. The Board Members would like to assure all of those that have made donations to Habitat that they hope to make the family selection and begin construction very soon. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to: Habitat for Humanity • P.O. Box 130 • New Brockton, AL 36351. For more information, please call Charlene Goolsby at 347-2866 or Dr. Robert Paul at 897-2246.



Miss Pittman-Fleming wedding planned for Saturday,

Mr. and Mrs. Windham Pittman of Laverne announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia, to Benjamin Brantley Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Fleming of Brundidge.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Gladys Pittman and the late Erb Pittman of Laverne. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Fleming of Brundidge and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Brantley of Banks.

The wedding will take place at Chapel Hill Baptist Church near Laverne on August 14, 1999 at 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Red Cross to offer community first aid and safety course

Coffee County American Red Cross will offer a community first aid and safety course on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Red Cross office, located in the soldiers service center at Fort Rucker.

Community first aid and safety consists of three components. Standard first aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR. Participants may take all three components or just the component they need.

Active duty military and dependents may register at the Fort Rucker Red Cross office or call 255-1055. All others may register at the Coffee County Red Cross office at 711 Crawford St. (Clivic Center) or call 347-2461.

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LBW students, front row, left to right: Suzanne Rhoades, Kinison; Shea Free, Elba; Kerri Gwaltney, Opp; back row, Jamie Hall, Zion Chapel; and Lance Jackson, Opp.

SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

We took the girls school shopping last weekend, and while it took a little longer than expected, we all survived and made it home just in time for Mom and Dad to collapse on the bed. Melanie loves to try on clothes and must have tried on everything she saw that looked good, while this year she asked for big sister's opinion, and Melissa was always more than willing to offer an opinion, no matter if her opinion meant another store or two to visit. They finally got finished on Sunday, without Dad, and hopefully they got enough clothes to last at least until it gets cold, or for a few weeks.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

*** The high school football teams across the state hit the practice field last week and from the sound of things across the area, all the teams came back ready to work and anxious to improve on last year's records. I made it to "Picture Day" at Elba, and while there were less than 30 players on the field, the players all seemed excited about the start of the preseason drills and it was obvious that some things had changed for the Black & Gold Tigers. Kinship's Coach Mickey Jacobs reported the Bulldogs had 29 players at practice and his excitement over just having enough players to scrimmage was easy to tell, while over New Brockton Coach Keith Thrasher was moaning the blues about the shape of the players in early work-outs. Coach Randy Grant was simply hoping to have enough players to field a team up at Zion Chapel, and by the end of the week has around 17-19 players on the field, and at Brantley Coach David Lowery had a good looking bunch as the defending 1A state champs began drills. It is way too early to tell, but from the early reports it does appear that the '99 season could be one in which the area teams enjoy more wins than in many years.

*** A study by the Alabama High School Athletic Association revealed that the number of players taking part in high school football has steadily increased over the past ten years, with the average number of players on a team this season to be 53.1. In 1986-87 a similar survey showed an average of 44.7 players per team, and the number has steadily increased. Although the numbers are up, coaches admit that competing with summer jobs is a major problem, and have voiced the opinion that a possible solution would be to push back the start of the season.

*** While everyone voices concern over the players during the early practices in the extreme heat, very little thought is given to the coaches that are working in the same heat at the same time. That changed last week down in Mobile when Leflore head football coach Armade Wilson died on the night of August 8 of a heart attack. While doctors told school officials that they did not believe the summer heat was a factor in Coach Wilson's death, it did make all coaches across the state sit up and take notice. Hey, it is just as hot for the coaches as it is for the players, and maybe now the coaches will give a little thought to how they feel as well as the condition of the players.

*** When Alabama head football coach Mike DuBose admitted last week that he had mistle the public earlier this year when he denied rumors about himself and another person, he might have also seen his dream job with the Crimson Tide take a step in the wrong direction. I know that the University has said nothing about the future of Coach DuBose and has not even hinted that the popular Opp native might have his tenure shortened by the out-of-court settlement that resulted in a number of changes in the coach's contract. However, it does appear that a reduction in years in Coach DuBose's contract, along with a \$360,000 reduction in salary over a three year period, would make it much easier to support a buy-out of the coach's contract at the end of the '99 season. There is always pressure on a coach to win, no matter the level of play, and this season the pressure on Coach DuBose to win will be even greater than before. His career at the Capstone is riding on it!

Hellet remains hot as weather in recent racing action at SAS

By Mark Chism

Rege Hellet was as hot as the summer heat on July 31 at the South Alabama Speedway as he claimed the IMCA Modified Mid-Season championship for his fourth straight win on the Kinston track.

Hellet started fourth in the mid-season finale, but immediately went to the front as he took the lead on lap four. While Hellet sped away from his challengers, the action behind the lead car was fierce, as Jeff Rudd, Eddie Carter, Todd Jones and Curtis Galbreath died for position. Rudd finally got by Carter on lap 12 and set out to catch Hellet, but was unable to make any kind of move on the leader. Contact with another car sent Jones to the pits on lap 45, and while a yellow flag gave Rudd a chance to catch Hellet, it was not to be on this night as Hellet easily held on for the win. Rudd held on for second, followed by Galbreath, Carter and Ricky Whitmore. Kevin Peel was the fastest qualifier with a time of 17.40.

Ronnie Strawder led flag to flag to win the Sportsman Feature. Regan Baker kept Heath Mills on the outside and held off Mills to take second, while Terry Davis

placed fourth and Brett Rogers picked up his first Top finish of the season.

In Super Stock action, Mark Davis used the outside to pass Rick Northey on lap four and pulled away for the victory. Royce Johnson came from the #8 starting position to finish second, followed by Jerry Weatherington, Northey and Tim Lynn.

It was all David Cooper in the Pure Stock Feature as the talented driver took the lead on lap four and sped away to the win. Jody Henderson claimed second, followed by Roy Childs, Wayne Slawson and Jerry Hurt.

Jeff Smith led all 25 laps to win the Street Feature. Shannon Burns challenged Smith, but couldn't get past the lead car and had to settle for second, while Mike Rawls placed third, Timbo Kendrick fourth and Kenneth Adkins fifth.

In the Allison Legacy Car Series, Shane Helms took the win over Jeremy Grissom, nephew of Winston Cup driver Steve Grissom. Wesley Stephens took third, followed by Terry Clark and Rene West.

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Wesley Morrison

Look at '99 football schedules reveals no easy wins ahead for teams in area

The high school football season will kick off in just two weeks, and a peek at the schedules of teams in the area reveals anything but an easy task ahead as the teams begin their treks toward a possible berth in the state playoffs.

ELBA TIGERS (3-8 in '98)

The Elba Tigers struggled to their third straight losing season a year ago, and while hopes are high with a new head coach and new attitude among the players, a look at the Tigers' schedule might bring the Tiger fans quickly back down to earth.

Elba will open the season with a three-game stretch against three of the state's top teams that last season resulted in three losses by a combined score of 101-30. The Tigers will open the season on Thursday night, August 26, in Brantley, against the defending 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs. They will return home on Sept. 3 to entertain the Lufkin Tigers, ranked #6 in the state in Class 3A in preseason polls. A trip to Opp on Sept. 10 to battle the powerful Opp Bobcats will face the Tigers in week #3, with the 5A Bobcats ranked #9 in preseason polls. An open week will await Elba in week #4, and it should prove to be a well needed rest for the players after the wars they will face in the opening three weeks!

A home date against the 8th ranked Geneva County Bulldogs on Sept. 24 will give the Tigers a chance to get back in action, while in week #6 Elba will travel to Geneva to do battle with the highly-touted Panthers on October 1. A visit to Covington County will come next when the Tigers head over to Straughn to meet the Straughn Tigers, and on Oct. 15 Elba will return home for an important Area clash with the Clayton Tigers. After a trip to take the 1A state title to battle the 5A Bulldogs, Elba will close out its regular season on Oct. 29 when the Tigers host the Slocomb Red Taps, with the Area crown likely to be up for grabs at the end of the '99 season.

With the opening four games all coming against teams ranked in the Top 10 in the state, and second half road contests against 4A power Geneva and 5A power Andalusia, the Elba Tigers could once again face one of the toughest schedules in the 3A ranks.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS (13-2 in '98)

The Brantley Bulldogs won the Class 1A state championship last season with a 13-2 record and are ranked #1 again this season in preseason polls, but games are won on the field and not in the polls, and the Bulldogs know going in to the '99 season that anything less is a top effort each and every night out could very well result in a loss.

The Bulldogs of Coach David Lowery will open the season at home on Thursday, August 26, when they host the 3A Elba Tigers, then will hit the road on Sept. 3 for a week #2 clash with the always powerful 2A Georgiana Panthers. The third week of the season will find the Bulldogs back at home for a Sept. 10 battle against the 3A Goshen Eagles, while in week #4 Brantley will begin Area play when the Bulldogs travel to McKenzie to do battle with the McKenzie Tigers.

The Kinston Bulldogs have had 10 and 11-12 to give football a chance and sign up today. The future of the program could very well be in doubt unless something happens this week.

Anyone wishing to sign up may come to the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on the weekdays. For more information call 897-6853.

Registration for youth football is extended in Elba until August 13

The deadline for registration to play youth football in Elba has been extended to Friday, Aug. 13, at 6:00 PM.

"We have seen very few youngsters sign up for the football league this summer," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and unless the numbers pick up, especially at the 11-12 age level, we could be forced to make some pretty tough decisions very soon. I urge all boys in the age groups of 7-8, 9,

10 and 11-12 to give football a chance and sign up today.

Part time Sports Reporter needed for football coverage of the Kinston Bulldogs during the 1999 high school football season. Knowledge of camera helpful, but not required. For more information call Ricky Mularz at 897-8201 or The Elba Clipper at 897-2823.

A Sept. 24 match-up against the 6th ranked Lufkin Tigers, in Lufkin, will give Brantley a chance to gain a measure of revenge over one of the two teams that defeated the Bulldogs a year ago; however, the Bulldogs can't put too much emphasis on the game, because in week #6 comes an Oct. 1 Area clash against the dangerous whippers of Frisco City, in Frisco City.

Three straight home games follow the long trip to Southwest Alabama, as the Bulldogs host Zion Chapel on Oct. 8, 2A Highland Home on Oct. 15 and 3A power St. James on Oct. 22, with St. James being the other team that handed the Bulldogs a loss last season. The regular season finale will come on Oct. 29 when Brantley faces Area opponent J.U. Blacksher, in Uriah.

Despite the Bulldogs' championship in '98 and a prediction of another title in '99, Brantley knows it will take a maximum effort this season to win with a schedule that includes four 3A opponents and two 2A foes. One thing is certain, with the schedule facing the Bulldogs, all wins will come because of T. Bulldog pride and determination.

NEW BROCKTON (6-6 in '98)

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted a 6-6 record and a playoff win last year in what was best described as an "up and down" season, but the '99 season is just around the corner, and a look at the Gamecocks' schedule might make even the most devoted Gamecock fans believe that it will once again take the best the Gamecocks can muster each Friday night out to improve on the success of a year ago.

The Gamecocks will open the season on August 27 at home when they battle the state's #6 ranked 3A team in the Lufkin Tigers, and when they hit the road to Skipperville to tangle with the always tough G.W. Long Rebels on Sept. 3. A road battle on Sept. 10 will come next as the Gamecocks travel to Arton to battle the Arton Purple Cats, while in week #4 New Brockton will be back at home for a Sept. 17 Area clash with the powerful Straughn Tigers. Home games on Sept. 24 against cross-county rival Zion Chapel and Oct. 1 against arch-rival Samson will carry the Gamecocks through week #6, while in week #7 will come a road trip and a real battle against the 6th ranked Class 2A Wicksburg Panthers on Oct. 8.

A short trip across Coffee County for an Oct. 15 contest with the Kinston Bulldogs will come in the eighth week of the season, and will set up what could very well be two of the season's toughest games as the Gamecocks close out the regular season with an Oct. 22 battle against 8th ranked 2A Geneva County, in Hartford, and an Oct. 29 clash with the 9th ranked 1A Florala Wildcats, in Florala.

Last season the Gamecocks lost their first two games, won the next four and closed out the regular season with two straight losses. An up and down season, but one that led to the playoffs, and one that the Gamecocks might be hard pressed to improve upon based on a rugged schedule.

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little to cheer about on the gridiron for the past couple of years, and after taking a look at the Bulldogs' schedule for the '99 season, Kinston fans might have to reach down deep to find a reason to expect their team to post a winning record this season.

The Bulldogs will open the '99 campaign on August 27 at home against the always strong Arton Purple Cats, then will hit the road in week #2 for a Sept. 3 clash in Wicksburg against the 6th ranked 2A Wicksburg Panthers. Week #3 will find Kinston back at home to host the Red Level Panthers on Sept. 10, and on Sept. 17 the Bulldogs will remain at home when they host their arch-rivals in the Samson Tigers. A long road trip to Skipperville will come in week #5 as the Bulldogs oppose G.W. Long on Oct. 8, followed by a home date on Oct. 15 against county rival New Brockton. The Bulldogs will close out the regular season on the road with battles against Zion Chapel on Oct. 22 and Straughn on Oct. 29.

The Kinston Bulldogs are looking forward to the '99 season and believe that wins will come after last season's victory drought. While the wins could come, with this tough schedule, the Dogs will have to grow teeth in a hurry.

A road trip to powerful Geneva County, in Hartford, awaits on Oct. 8, followed by a home date on Oct. 15 against county rival New Brockton. The Bulldogs will close out the regular season on the road with battles against Zion Chapel on Oct. 22 and Straughn on Oct. 29.

There are a few games on the Rebels' schedule that appear to be chances to win, while others appear to be little more than tests of survival. It should be an interesting season for the Rebels and their fans.

ELBA TIGERS			
Aug. 26	Brantley	Away	
Sept. 3	Lufkin	Home	
Sept. 10	Opp	Away	
Sept. 17	Open Date		
Sept. 24	Geneva Co.	Home	
Oct. 1	Geneva	Away	
Oct. 8	Straughn	Away	
Oct. 15	Clayton	Home	
Oct. 22	Andalusia	Away	
Oct. 29	Slocomb	Home	

KINSTON BULLDOGS			
Aug. 27	Arton	Home	
Sept. 3	Wicksburg	Away	
Sept. 10	Red Level	Home	
Sept. 17	Samson	Home	
Sept. 24	G.W. Long	Away	
Oct. 1	Florala	Home	
Oct. 8	Geneva Co.	Away	
Oct. 15	New Brockton	Home	
Oct. 22	Zion Chapel	Away	
Oct. 28	Straughn	Away	

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS			
Aug. 27	Lufkin	Home	
Sept. 3	G.W. Long	Away	
Sept. 10	Arton	Away	
Sept. 17	Straughn	Home	
Sept. 24	Zion Chapel	Home	
Oct. 1	Samson	Home	
Oct. 8	Wicksburg	Away	
Oct. 15	Kinston	Away	
Oct. 22	Geneva Co.	Away	
Oct. 29	Florala	Away	

ZION CHAPEL REBELS			
Aug. 27	Thorsby	Home	
Sept. 3	Isabella	Away	
Sept. 10	G.W. Long	Home	
Sept. 17	Arton	Home	
Sept. 24	New Brockton	Away	
Oct. 1	Open Date		
Oct. 8	Brantley	Away	
Oct. 15	Florala	Away	
Oct. 22	Kinston	Home	
Oct. 29	Houston Ac.	Away	

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS			
Aug. 26	Elba	Home	
Sept. 3	Georgiana	Away	
Sept. 10	Goshen	Home	
Sept. 17	McKenzie	Away	
Sept. 24	Lufkin	Away	
Oct. 1	Frisco City	Away	
Oct. 8	Zion Chapel	Home	
Oct. 15	Highland Home	Home	
Oct. 22	St. James	Home	
Oct. 29	J.U. Blacksher	Away	

ZION CHAPEL REBELS (1-8)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will face a nine-game schedule once again this season, and while the Rebels will get a week off in the middle of the slate, it could be a week very much needed after taking a look at the '99 schedule.

The Rebels will open the season at home on August 27 when they entertain the 2A Thorsby Rebels, then will hit the road in week #2 for a Sept. 3 clash with the Isabella Mustangs. Zion Chapel will be back at home the next two weeks as the Rebels host G.W. Long on Sept. 10 and Arton on Sept. 17, followed by a Sept. 24 clash with the 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs. The Rebels will be back at home the next two weeks as the Rebels host G.W. Long on Sept. 10 and Arton on Sept. 17, followed by a Sept. 24 clash with the 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs. The Rebels will be back at home the next two weeks as the Rebels host G.W. Long on Sept. 10 and Arton on Sept. 17, followed by a Sept. 24 clash with the 1A state champion Brantley Bulldogs.

After an open date, Zion Chapel will return to the gridiron wars on Oct. 8 on the road for a clash with the state champion Brantley Bulldogs, followed in week #8 with a road trip to Florala for a big road test against the powerful Florala Wildcats. The Rebels will be back at home on Oct. 22 when they host the Kinston Bulldogs, and will close out the regular season on the road in Dothan for an Oct. 29 battle against Houston Academy.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



National Peanut Festival contestants met recently at Wallace College for orientation for this year's Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant. Pictured from left to right are: Miss Enterprise - Katie Rutland; Miss Coffee County - Crystal Center; Miss New Brockton - Crystal Burrows; Miss Elba - Leslie Stinson; Miss Kinston - Tiffany Hawthorne; and Miss Zion Chapel - Tara Grant. This year's pageant will be held at the Dothan Civic Center, Saturday, October 16, at 7 p.m. and will be televised live on WDHN Channel 18.

Tiger Electronics, Ltd. Announces recall to replace "Pooh Poppin' Piano" toys

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Tiger Electronics, Ltd., of Vernon Hills, Ill., is voluntarily recalling approximately 202,000 Pooh Poppin' Piano toys.

The green "leafy" top section of the "carrot-shaped" microphone attached to the piano toy can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Tiger has received three reports of the leafy top of the microphone breaking off. There are no reports of injuries.

Only pianos with serial numbers starting with "WT" or "CO15D" are part of this program. The serial number is printed in two places: on a small label located inside the battery compartment, and on the bottom of the retail package. The piano toy is mostly lime green with eight characters from the "Winnie the Pooh" series that move up and down in response to pressing down corresponding piano keys. The orange and green microphone attaches to the piano with a short cord that amplifies sound. The toy announces eight color names, and plays piano sounds and eight pre-programmed children's songs.

Toy and dis-Young children. Tiger has received three reports of the leafy top of the microphone breaking off. There are no reports of injuries.

Clark reaches halfway mark of six-month deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles W. Clark, son of George D. Clark of Rt. 1, Kinston, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the first half of the deployment, Clark's ship helped conduct the NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military and strategic installations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Clark's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar which enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Clark joined the Navy in October of 1991.

Emergency Rule establishes boater certification suspension period guide-

Alabama law currently provides that the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may suspend the certification or operating privilege of a vessel operator without preliminary hearing upon showing of sufficient evidence that the operator committed certain offenses or is incompetent to operate a vessel. Conservation Commissioner Riley Boykin Smith signed an emergency regulation, effective Aug. 4, establishing guidelines for these suspension periods.

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Elba Rotary Club announces scholarship winners

The Elba Rotary Club announced the winners of two \$500 Rotary Service Scholarships for 1999 on Tuesday. The Rotary Service Scholarship is a one-time scholarship given by the Elba Rotary Club to members of the graduating class of Elba High School who plan to continue their education at the trade

school, junior college or college level. The number of scholarships awarded each year is based on the availability of funds and the number of qualified applicants. The 1999 winners are Julie Roberson, daughter of Bob and Melanie Roberson; and Daniel Ward, son of Jerome and Joan Ward.

The Elba Rotary Club provides funding for the Rotary Service Scholarship to promote the ideal of service among the young people of our area and to provide educational financial assistance to youth who have exemplified the spirit of the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.

County residents invited to submit family histories

Residents and former residents of Coffee County are invited to submit their family histories for publication in the upcoming Coffee County Heritage Book - free of charge.

The book is expected to be completed - closed to acceptance of new material - in January. "This is not a book for just famous people, it's a book for you and me," said Lavinia Helms, family coordinator. Already, the number of family histories is beginning to climb. Eleven such histories arrived in one envelope just a few days ago.

Heritage Publishing Consultants of Clanton is producing the complete set of Heritage Books of Alabama - one book per county, plus a 68th book containing a com-

plete index for all 67 county books. Already, more than 21 books have been published and work is now in process, or printing for 12

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mealane Corp. announces recall of Star Fire Sprinklers

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Mealane Corp. of Philadelphia, Pa., is voluntarily recalling up to 1 million "Star" brand fire sprinklers manufactured from 1961 through 1976. These sprinklers could fail in a fire, exposing the public to bodily injury or death. These sprinklers have been installed nationwide, primarily in nursing homes. They also may be found in hospitals, schools, resorts, stores, office buildings, warehouses and supermarkets.

CPSC reports that 67 percent of the sprinklers that were removed from locations across the country and submitted for testing to independent testing laboratories, such as by Underwriters Laboratories and Factory Mutual Research Corp., failed to activate as they should. CPSC has received one report of a Star sprinkler allegedly not functioning in a bedroom fire in a nursing home.

The Star sprinklers being recalled are dry-type models D-1, RD-1, RE-1, E-1 and ME-1 made from 1961 through 1976. The name "Star" appears on the sprinkler, along with the model number and date of manufacture. With "dry-type" sprinklers, portions of the pipe do not have water in them until the sprinkler activates. The former Star Sprinkler Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., sold its assets and changed its



name in June 1976 and became known as Mealane Corp. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, an independent, not-for-profit organization that evaluates and accredits hospitals and other long-term-care facilities, is supporting the recall with CPSC.

Consumers and property owners should determine whether their facilities contain these recalled sprinklers and if so, call the Star Sprinkler Recall Hotline at (800) 866-7807 or access the website at www.star-recall.com to participate in the recall. Mealane will provide free replacement sprinkler heads and reimbursement for the labor costs of removing and replacing the old units.

CPSC is continuing its ongoing investigation of fire sprinklers.



EHS STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENT SCORES...Four Elba High School students were awarded a \$100 bill for their improvement on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) and scoring in the upper percentiles on this test. Presenting the students with the bucks were EHS Student Council President Vaughn Boyd and Vice President Kendra Vaughan. Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Ryan Gibbs and Chase Davis; back row - Boyd, Joseph Falls, Amy Kirkland, and Vaughan. Donations for this incentive were made possible by The Peoples Bank, National Security, Kleiner's and SouthTrust Bank. Elba High School and the Student Council are grateful for these donations.

Vietnam Veterans Ch. 373 to sponsor softball tourney

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 373 is sponsoring a men's class "C" and below softball tournament. It will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Clayhatchee Recreation Park. Each team will supply their own regulation softball. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given. Deadline is Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, call Nancy at (334) 598-4322 or Deloris at (334) 598-2332.

Coffee County Schools Menu August 16 - 20, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pancake Pops, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Fish Nuggets, Meat Loaf, Potatoes Au Gratin, Cole Slaw, Hashbrowns, Dill Slices, Onion Slice, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Sausage Pizza, Roast Beef Sandwich, Veggie w/Dip, Cream Style Corn, Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Jelly, Grits, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Baked Chicken, Tuna Salad, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Pop-Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Taco Salad, HotDog, Onion Rings, Marinated Veg., Fruit Juice, Fruit, Crisp, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Chicken, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Burrito, Chicken Salad, Peas & Carrots, Corn on Cob, Juice Bar, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

Dale County Young Farmers to sponsor S.A. Pro Rodeo Classic this weekend

The Dale County Young Farmers will be sponsoring the 5th annual South Alabama Pro Rodeo Classic on Aug. 13 & 14 at Steagall Park in Ozark. There will be events on Wednesday and Thursday leading up to the rodeo on Friday and Saturday. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday and the events start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for children ages 6-12; and free for children under 6. A parade will be held in downtown Ozark on Saturday at 10 a.m., and the final rodeo event will get underway at 8 p.m. on Saturday night. All proceeds raised throughout the week will be donated to the Ag-Plex arena building fund in order to build a livestock arena in Dale County.

Special interest course offered at ESJC

Stand Out Front and Be Heard is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. It is designed to help people learn how to make presentations that others will listen to. Participants will learn how to organize effective presentations, deliver them well and without fear, and have fun in the process. There is a \$25 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. Classes will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 2. Classes will be held on Thursdays, September 9-23, 6-8 p.m. For more information, call (334) 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Hydroblaster set up at the farm center

The hydroblaster is set up at the Farm Center in New Brockton for peanut growers. It is hard to believe that harvest is so close upon us. Some of the early planted peanuts will be dug around the third week of August.

Wiregrass Crop Field Day to be held Aug. 17

The Wiregrass Crop Field Day will be held Tuesday, August 17, at the Wiregrass Experiment Station in Headland, Ala. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The tour ends after a sponsored dinner. The crop tour focuses on cotton and peanuts.



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HOT WEATHER An unnamed Elba Tiger band member hides from the hot morning sun while seeking relief in the handy ice chest

CPSC and Toys "R" Us announce "Bathtub Baby" recall

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Toys "R" Us of Paramus, N.J., is recalling 71,000 Bathtub Baby dolls. These dolls sets come with a small ball, which poses a serious choking hazard to children under 3 years old.

CPSC and Toys "R" Us are not aware of any injuries involving these doll sets. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries. The Bathtub Baby doll set includes a blue, plastic bathtub; a 5.5 inch soft vinyl doll wearing a blue diaper; a pink, fish-shaped strainer; and a pink ball about 1.25 inches in diameter. The set is packaged in a clear plastic bag with a hangtag. Writing on the

hangtag includes, "BATHTUB BABY," "WHAT A DOLL!" "FISHEL" and "MADE IN CHINA." Toys "R" Us stores nationwide sold these doll sets from October 1998 through July 1999 for about \$2.

Consumers are urged to take the doll sets away from young children immediately and return them to the stores where purchased for a full refund. For more information, consumers should call their local Toys "R" Us store, or visit the Toys "R" Us web site at www.toysrus.com/recalls/index.cfm. This recall was the result of an inspection conducted by the CPSC staff.

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ELBA SCHOOLS' ENROLLMENT 1074

Elba BOE hires nine staff members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board made the hiring of new teachers official Thursday evening with the hiring of nine new teachers and staff members. The board also approved new jobs for three existing teacher members.

Assigned new duties were Brenda Skinner to 1st grade and Chris Head to 3rd grade, both to comply with the classroom size cap. Also, Wynn Grimes was named head baseball coach.

New hires approved by the board were Rebecca Cardwell, 5th grade; Renee Gibson, 3rd grade; Sonya Wright, Writing to Read; Seretha Flowers, PE Aide; Rebecca Hagen, High School Math; Jamie Corbett, High School Social Science and Coach; Daphne Donaldson, Reading Specialist; Nancy Murler, FES lunchroom worker; Sherry Butler, Talent Pool.

Superintendent Charles Pearce updated board members on plans for construction of the new elementary school band room. Presently elementary band students are practicing in a regular classroom, which is needed for regular classes. Even though the school building is fairly new, and was built with anticipation for enrollment growth, that growth and the law reducing classroom size is pushing the system's capacity.

Pearce noted that beginning enrollment is up by eleven this year to 1074.

The need for the band room move is made more demanding by the fact that the band program is growing by leaps and bounds, Pearce said. The target date for completing the 1580 square foot band room is the Christmas holidays. The facility will be built with proper soundproofing to prevent disrupting other classes. The exact location for the band facility has not been decided, but it will have either a covered walkway or an enclosed entry from the existing building.

The superintendent reported that the Elba schools had a great opening for the 1999-2000 school year, and the students and staff seemed to have a very positive attitude. Budget hearings for the next year's budget are set for the evenings of September 6th and 9th at the superintendent's office.

Substitute teacher salaries were adjusted upward upon the recommendation of Superintendent Pearce. For many years, all substitute teachers in the Elba schools received \$40 per day, regardless of their training. Beginning immediately, substitutes with teaching certificates will receive \$50 per day. For many years, only \$35 for substitutes and the balance is made up by the local board.

David Stokes updated the board members on the technology advances being made within the schools. Stokes explained that over the summer the high school typing lab was converted to computers and is now equipped with 26 new computers to teach keyboarding. The upgrading of administrative software and hardware to be Y2K ready is completed and working well, Stokes said. Staff members are having very little trouble learning the new system and what few glitches occur are easily corrected. The \$300,000 campus wide computer network installation will soon be complete with at least six computer outlets in each classroom. This is being funded by a federal grant (e-rate) which pays for 76% of the installation and operation cost.

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Fred Clark named executive director of ECA

Fred D. Clark Jr. has been named Executive Director of the Electric Cities of Alabama (ECA).

Clark most recently served as Executive Director of the Alabama Farmers' Federation, (ALFA). Before joining ALFA, he served as president and chief executive officer of the Alabama Rural Electric Association, State Director for U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, Legislative Representative for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Legislative Assistant for former U.S. Senator Howell Heflin.

Clark is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Agriculture degrees. The Electric Cities of Alabama is a coalition of the state's municipal owned and operated electric systems. Alabama.

Clark and his wife, Blake, reside in Montgomery with their two children, Laura Catherine and Denson.



Fred D. Clark

Two eleven-year-old juveniles questioned in recent burglaries

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Two Elba juveniles are being questioned by the Elba Police Department in connection with several local burglaries.

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, last Tuesday afternoon (August 10) at approximately 6:10 p.m., Elba police officers responded to a burglary call at a residence located at 1855 Hickman Avenue. Upon arriving at the scene, they found that the residence had apparently been entered and several items were missing from one of the bedrooms.

Officers contacted Inv. Senn and upon his investigation of the scene he discovered that the burglary had a very similar MO (mode of operation) fitting some other burglaries

that had occurred in the same area some weeks earlier.

During the course of the investigation, officers were able to establish two possible suspects whose names cannot be made public due to their ages.

Several hours after the initial call, Senn's investigation led him to the discovery of 21 reported stolen items from the residence of the two suspects. The estimated total value of all the items is \$468.

Senn said two things that made this case unique were: one, the type items that were being taken were similar in all three burglaries; two, the two suspects are only eleven years old.

Juvenile authorities have been contacted, and the matter is still under investigation at this time.



CHEERING FOR THE TIGERS...The Elba High School cheerleaders are preparing to take the field alongside the football players and band members on Thursday evening, Aug. 26, in Brantley when the Elba Tigers take on the Brantley Bulldogs. Members of this year's squad who will lead the Tiger spirit and cheer on that night and the following Friday nights of the season are: (front L to R) Cammie Kelley, Katie Vaughn, Sara Purvis; (middle L to R) Kerri Lawford, Casey Skinner, Oneida Davis, Melissa Mularz; (back L to R) Chelsea Cooper, Brandy Davis and Carmenda Coleman.



D.A.R.E. DONATION...Guest speaker at the Elba Lion Club's meeting last Tuesday (August 10) was Dean Blair, D.A.R.E. Office with the Elba Police Department. He spoke to Lions about the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and about the department's neighborhood watch program. At the conclusion of the program, Lion President Richard Patterson presented Blair with a check for \$717.00 to be used in funding D.A.R.E. program. "Without the support of organizations like the Lions Club, the D.A.R.E. program would not be possible," said Officer Blair. "The Elba Lions Club is one of our strongest financial supporters."

Meth lab busted in New Brockton during weekend search

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The execution of two search warrants by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department resulted in the discovery of a drug lab and the arrest of three individuals.

During the weekend of August 7 and 8, sheriff's deputies executed search warrants for the recovery of stolen property and illegal drugs. In the process of executing the warrants, components of a methamphetamine lab, chemicals used to manufacture the illegal substance, marijuana, and crystal meth/crank were seized. Also recovered were appliances taken during a burglary of a residence under construction on Co. Rd. 537.

Arrested on Saturday in conjunction with the seizures of the methamphetamine were Jeffrey Chad Wallace, 28, and Renata Lynn Stanford, 28. Both were charged with the trafficking of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). This warrant, the first, was executed at a residence located on Co. Rd. 533. They were placed in the Coffee County Jail with bonds set at \$100,000 each.

The third arrest came on Sunday during the execution of the second search warrant. Christopher Lee Hutchinson, 22, was arrested for the manufacturing of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of Marijuana in the second degree. Hutchinson's arrest took place at his residence located on Fitzsimmons Street in New Brockton, Ala. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail with bond set at \$101,000.

During the removal of the chemical components for the meth lab, a chemical reaction occurred which could have jeopardized the welfare of the law enforcement officers involved in the search.

The Fort Rucker Fire Department's Hazard Material Unit was called in to assist with the removal of the unstable chemicals. These chemicals, when mixed in incorrect amounts, can produce highly toxic fumes and can become highly flammable. Also assisting at the scene were firemen from New Brockton and emergency medical personnel from Elba.

Assisting deputies with search warrants were police officers from New Brockton and investigators from the District Attorney's office.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, this is believed to be the second largest methamphetamine bust in Coffee County history.

The investigation into these cases is continuing and further arrests may be made. These three arrests came as a result of local law enforcement agencies working together - sharing information - in their efforts to rid the local area of the illegal use, manufacture and sale of illegal drugs.

Reportedly, at press time, all three individuals have been unable to post bail and are still in jail.

Samson man charged with murder in victim's death in two-vehicle crash

by Marvin McLain, Editor

A two-vehicle car crash in Coffee County has resulted in a Samson, Ala. man being charged with murder.

The crash occurred on Friday night, August 6, on Co. Rd. 625 at approximately 9:30 p.m. Beth Leann Lawson, 19, of Black, a passenger in a 1998 Ford, was killed when the vehicle in which she was riding collided with a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Sandy Walter Smith, 30, of Samson.

Daniel Josh Burkett, 18, of Kinston, the driver of the Ford, was taken to Medical Center Enterprise where he was treated and released. Lawson was also taken to Enterprise where she died while undergoing surgery for injuries received in the crash.

According to reports Smith was taken to Wiregrass Hospital in Geneva, where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

The fatality was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, and they reported that the crash appeared to be alcohol related.

The facts of the case were presented to a grand jury already scheduled to convene on August 9, and an indictment for the felony offense of murder was returned.

Smith was arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail with bail set at \$200,000 by Circuit Judge Tom Head.

He remains in jail at press time, and his arraignment is scheduled for 9 a.m. Sept. 27, 1999.

Area Happenings

SEASON TICKETS DEADLINE. Elba High School regular season ticket holders have until Friday (TOMORROW), August 20, to rent seats for the 1999 season. After Friday, the seats go on sale to the general public.

MACHIS TRIBE MEETING. The Machis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will have a general meeting for all members on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Citizens Building on Vester Cole Street (behind Big Little Store) in New Brockton. For more information call Nancy Carney at 334/894-6578 or e-mail - creeks@entercomp.com.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETING. The Elba Athletic Club will sponsor a "Meet the Tigers" cookout on Tuesday, August 24, from 6 - 8 p.m., at Elba High School, and all parents of the student-athletes and supporters of the Elba High School athletic program are invited to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 23, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.